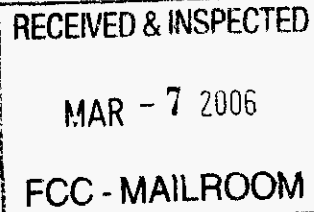


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Chairman Kevin J Martin

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Dear Mr. Martin:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose current plans being considered to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

I understand you are proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge you to rethink this flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Thank you for your continued work.

I look forward to hearing about an alternative plan.

Sincerely,

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